MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government kindly ask the Director of Agriculture and the Land Revenue Commissioner to inspect the locality and to report if this tank is not required for agricultural purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The report on record is that it is not useful for agricultural purposes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will they kindly call upon the Director of Agriculture and the Chief Engineer to report if this tank, which is now being filled up is not required for agricultural purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director of Agriculture and the Chief Engineer alone?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no objection to have it examined once again.

Need for a bridge at Poovar.

258. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that there is a great popular demand for a bridge at Poovar over the Neyyar river ;

(*b*) that the late Dewan during one of his visits to the locality last year was impressed with the need for the same and promised the people all help in the matter ; and

(*c*) that repeated representations have been made in the matter in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and in the Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to his interpellation No. 140 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th December 1928.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether Government will be pleased to make a further enquiry into the matter in consultation with the representatives of the people ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : With reference to what part is the question raised ?

MR. N. K. KRISNHA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Part (*a*).

MR. T. P. RAMSUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the answer given. He had asked a question on this subject before and the answer to that question was :—

"An investigation had been conducted and it was reported that the bridge with approaches would cost more than Rs. 50,000. A junghar service meets the demand of the present traffic. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that the construction of the bridge may wait till traffic develops".

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : My present question is, will the Government make a further enquiry in consultation with the representatives of the people?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer will be asked to instruct his officers to consult the people, when they make an inspection in that locality.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government also be pleased to instruct the Chief Engineer himself to make further enquiry as soon as possible in consultation with the people's representatives?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The present decision of the Government was communicated to the member, in answer to a question. As already stated the local officers will be asked to consider the matter when they go to inspect the place, in consultation with the representatives of the people that may be there.

Pendency of Puduval and Poramboke cases in the Minachil Taluk.

259. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of *poramboke* and *puduval* cases pending disposal in the Minachil taluk on 26-11-1104, the dates on which they were first taken on the file, and the reasons for the delay in their disposal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 279 *puduval* and 17 *poramboke* cases. They were all filed in 1104 and are pending in different stages of enquiry. None of them is unnecessarily delayed.

Distribution of Administration Reports to Members of the Legislative Council.

260. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the dates on which copies of the Administration Reports of the several Departments were sent to the members of the Legislative Council; and

(*b*) the cause of delay in sending copies of the Administration Report of the Forest Department alone much later than the reports of the other Departments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement *containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*b*) The delay in issuing the Administration Report for 1103 of the Forest Department was due to the fact that the G. O. which had to be printed with it was issued later than the G. O's on the reports of other Departments.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഫാറസ്റ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേഷൻ റിപ്പോർട്ടുമാത്രം ഇത്ര താമസിച്ചു അയക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തു?

* *Vide* Appendix XXXVIII—page 795.

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